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WESTS holds two general membership meetings each year--one in the spring and the other in the fall (usually at the annual coin show of the Delta Coin Club, Stockton, Cal.). Additionally, local membership meetings are arranged often by various members; notice of these meetings is publicized in the LEDGER. All interested persons are invited to attend any of our meetings.

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4 DECEMBER 1977: - Another year is coming to a close, and we are still somewhat behind with the Ledger, but slowly catching up. I just returned from a week's trip to the Seattle area, where I purchased a small, but quality collection of Egyptian gold coins. During the trip, I managed to visit with some of the token collectors of the Northwest: Bruce Kielsmeier of Klamath Falls OR, now specializing in dog tags, a field which has finally come into it own; Forrest Dunham and Bary Bender in Seattle; Clancy Riggs and Ed Saunders in Portland; Ray Bows in Tacoma; and Lloyd Whitcomb in Arcata CA. I also spoke with Mel Carmichael who is recovering from surgery for cataracts. I had time for a little swapping, and did inquire in the few coin shops I had time to visit, but found little of consequence.

Bary Bender has been considering an exonumia show for the Seattle area, and has extended an invitation to all exonumists to attend, if and when the show gets off the ground. Bary is editor, and workhorse, of METCA, which would be sponsoring the event. Bary is soliciting ideas and a show of support, and may be reached at 1416 Third Avenue, Seattle WA 98101.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: - Typing of the 1978 WESTS membership roster will begin the first week in January, and will continue until it is completed several weeks later. The roster information will be assembled on a Wang word-processing machine to which I have access. This means that late additions can be incorporated without too much of a problem, but once the typing is completed, there will be no more additions. So, if you want to be listed in the roster, be sure your dues are paid and/or the roster form is returned (some members have paid dues in advance, or have paid without submitting the form.) The roster will also include advertisements from members. The cost will be the same as for the LEDGER space ads, so check that if you wish to place an ad. - DHF

THANKS FOR THE ARTICLES: - Our plea for help from you in the form of articles for the LEDGER has not gone unanswered as you can see from what is included in this issue. There is even a small carry-over of material for the next issue--that is a nice situation for an editor to be in! Additionally, at the recent Stockton meeting, some members committed in writing to do at least one aryicle for the LEDGER in 1978 including Ron Lerch, Jim Rasmussen, Don Finch, Bill Williges Jr., Woody Chamblin and J.L. McPheeters. I know that several other articles are in the works, including a listing of questionable authenticity Nevada and California tokens. But we still can use something from you! - DHF

STOCKTON MEETING REPORT: - The fall 1978 semi-annual membership meeting of WESTS was held on Saturday, November 12, at the Vagabond Motel in Stockton, CA. Fourteen collectors attended including Jim Rasmussen, Ron Lerch, Ralph Lea, Merlin "Bob" Null (a new member), J.L. McPheeters, Woody Chamblin, Floyd Holliday, Duane Feisel, Bill Williges Jr., Dan Jacobson, Don Finch, Gil Moreno, Charlie Gasden (guest) and Noel La Due (new member).

This year we could not get meeting space at the Holiday Inn (located almost next door) where the Delta Coin Club was holding its annual coin show. Those attending expressed satisfaction with the new quarters--more space and more tables. The only negataive factors were that we were not in the same building as the coin show, thus possibly losing some attendees, and the room cost us something while in the past we had free meeting space at the Holiday Inn.

The short business meeting resulted in Duane Feisel being "re-elected" as president, Bill Williges Jr. as secretary-treasurer, and Don Finch as curator. Stephen Album will continue as editor of the *LEDGER* assisted by Duane Feisel.

Most of the time was spent in dealing with tokens--buying, selling, trading and discussing. - DHF

KAPPEN ERRATA: - Charley Kappen has assembled a listing of errors found to date in his new catalogue. This, and a corrected version of the maverick index, has been submitted to TAMS for early publication. As soon as information on the availability of the errata becomes available, we will let you know. Those of you who are also TAMS members should look for information in the TAMS JOURNAL. - DHF

SPRING MEETING SITE: - The spring semi-annual meeting location has not yet been decided although we do have an invitation to meet again with the California State Numismatic Association convention in late April at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. Before deciding upon that location, however, we wish to consider other alternatives in non-big city locations. If you can offer any suggestions for an April meeting, please send along the information right away. - DHF

WHO WROTE THE NOTE? - As you are aware, each issue of the Ledger carries a number of miscellaneous notes, written either by Stephen Album or Duane Feisel. But who writes which note? For those notes written by Duane there will be the "signature" -DHF on the last line of the note; the notes written by Steve are unsigned.

- DHF

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Duane H. Feisel

At the Stockton meeting, the membership voted to elect William Williges Jr. as secretary-treasurer to succeed Hal Dunn. Unfortunately, William has not yet taken permanent employment, and does not want to assume duties until he has a permanent address. In the meanwhile, I have been taking dues payments, address changes and whatever, and Hal Dunn has agreed to continue to help until William is ready to start on the job. Please note elsewhere the information concerning 1978 dues payments which should be sent to me. Also, information is given elsewhere concerning the membership roster.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1978

#223 MERLIN R. NULL, P.O. Box 9422, No. Hollywood, CA 91609. Collects: automotive-related tokens, Islamic and Indian coinage, telephone tokens, military tokens.

#224 JIM WRIGHT, 7960 Raleigh St., Westminster, CO 80030. Collects: Colorado merchant tokens and "good for" mirrors, Colorado medals, Colorado dog tags pre-1950 from mining camps only

#225 ALLAN F. KNOTTS, Rt. 2, Box 311, Chico, CA 95926. Collects: Butte County trade checks, Chico trade checks, northern California tokens, western states tokens, Indian trade beads, Indian stone artifacts, Indian baskets, old dug bottles.

#226 NOEL LA DUE (address witheld by request). Collects: California trade tokens from before 1940, Hutchinson soda bottles of California

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DUES, DUES, DUES: - Thanks for the prompt response from so many of you. When this was written, we had received 1978 membership renewals from 87 people plus one renewal for 1977. If you have not yet sent in your check for 1978 dues, please do this now--as a reminder, those who have not yet paid for 1978, or who have not returned the form for the membership roster, will find a red check mark on the address label of this issue. If you should need another renewal/roster form, please ask for one from Duane H. Feisel. - DHF

BICENTENNIAL MEDALS PROJECT: - Now that the listing of Patrick Mint pieces has become available, the road is clear to proceed full speed in getting the listing of Bicentennial Medals from California ready for the printers. It is expected that the manuscript will be completed early in 1978. - DHF

TOKEN TRAIL TO ORO CITY

JAMES ANDREWS

Back in 1860, a party of prospectors found gold in a stream near what was to become Leadville, Colorado. They named the site California Gulch. Within a short time other fortune hunters arrived and the settlement of Oro City was established.

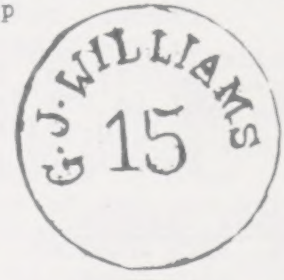
Leadville's most famous citizen, H.A.W. Tabor and his wife, Augusta, were early residents. They operated a general store there long before he became involved with the beautiful Baby Doe.

So, with that kind of historical background, a token from Oro City would be an important piece in any Colorado collection.

The only known tokens came into my possession because I played guide for a Texas friend who is a treasure hunter. Metal detecting never was my thing so I agreed to show him some sites where people might have lost valuables.

Such a famous ghost town as Oro City should have been heavily worked. To our surprise, the ground had never been touched. Shortly after I pointed to the faint outline where a saloon had been my friend handed me some tokens. He then worked the edge of the road and found several old coins. We both went away happy.

The tokens were mavericks with the name G.J. Williams. With the help of token cataloguer, Jim Wright, the search began. Early Leadville directories did'nt usually show listings for outlying camps and state directories were'nt any help either. That seemed to be the end of it though we had little doubt the Williams saloon had been in Oro City.



Sometime later, when I was in the court house, I asked the County Clerk, Mrs. June Ossman, if a record of the saloon might be found in the old county books. She was most helpful and within minutes had found all the information one could hope for.

The minutes for the County Commissioner's meeting of Feb. 12, 1884 showed that G.J. Williams had posted bond for a retail liquor license. And on Dec. 30, 1884 he posted bond for the position of road overseer in the district which encompassed Oro City and California Gulch.

Census records for 1885 showed G. Williams, age 37, born Wales. Wife Annie, age 23, born London. Daughter Winnie, age 1, born Colorado.

But the real documentation was found in the release for a deed of trust dated March 26, 1887. The property owned by Griffith J. Williams was described as being "that tract of land covered by a one story frame building...situated on the north side of the main road running through the town of Oro...occupied by G.J. William as a saloon under the name of Williams Health Office..."

By 1900, Oro City was mostly abandoned. A few miners continued to live there as long as the buildings were inhabitable. Eventually time took it's toll and little notice was taken when the last of it disappeared. Old timers believe that must have been about forty years ago.

TOKENS, THE HARD WAY !

Mervin G. Mahler

The first part of 1977, I was not getting many tokens through the normal channels. I then decided to try something new; so I went out and purchased a metal detector, and built a metal screen to sift dirt with.

Living in the old part of Auburn, I decided to limit my search to the area around my home. This should be easy, I throught. A few weeks before, my neighbor had found a 1931 chauffer's badge, and a good luck medal, with the wording "Boy Scouts, July 1910," while working in his garden.

My first area would be my neighbor's yard. He had asked me to watch his place while he was away on vacation. Armed with my metal detector, and a sack to put all the tokens in that I would find, I set off. After four hours, I had a two-ton pile of metal junk, and wagon parts. I had a least one piece of every wagon that came West. I must have dug up an old blacksmith's shop. No place to look for tokens! My neighbor's yard looked like a setting for a war movie.

A few days later I tried a new area, an old dump that bottle hunters had abandoned. Using the screen, I found an early 1900 penny and nickel. These I traded off for the two pieces my neighbor found. The next thing I found with my metal detector was a 1901 encased cent, "Deckelman Bros Barbers Supplies S.F.". Still not a token, but close.

The search came to an end several months later. After screening through an old dump for an hour with no luck, I moved to a new location. After moving a small amount of dift, there laying in the bottom of my screen was a round object. I could see wording on it. "Good for one drink, Grotto Saloon, Geo Miller, Biggs, Cal." Turning it over, "Jacob Strahle & Co., Billiard Manfrs, 515 Market St., San Francisco, Cal."

The search was over.

NOTES FROM ABROAD: - I spent the month from October 8 until November 8 in Europe, traveling through Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Netherlands, England, and Luxembourg. It was partly a buying trip, seeking coins for my list, partly holiday, and a chance to visit with old friends. I did not take much time to pursue tokens, but learned a few things worth sharing with WESTS.

Some of you may have known Fritz Bingen, perhaps Europe's most active token collector, and long a resident of Capelle a/d Ijssel, a suburb of Rotterdam. Over the years, he had built up a huge collection of coins, mostly Dutch, and tokens, including an almost complete set of the gas and electric meter tokens that came into use in various Dutch municipalities in the years between the Wars. His interest in transportation was particularly deep, and the dozens of articles on the subject that he prepared for the Fare Box and other publications (he wrote fluently in 4 or 5 languages!) remain some of the finest efforts in the field. His death earlier this year came as quite a shock to those who had known him, and I was saddened by not having the opportunity to spend a day at his home, as I had done during previous visits to Holland. I have also learned that his collection was recently purchased by Jacques Schulman, an old Amsterdam house, and will soon be offered, partly at auction, the rest at fixed prices.

Over the past few years, autometic machine tokens of one sort or other have gained considerable popularity all over Holland. Most are used in coffee and fast-food machines in factory lunchrooms, department stores, and the like. Some others are used in pinball and slot machines, at least one of which can be found in virtually every tavern in the country. Still others are used in amusement games carried by traveling fairs, which come from town to town, setting up rides, a midway, a sideshow or two, with just about everything imported from the States. Shown below are rubbings of some of the tokens used in coffee and other vending machines. Most date from the 1960's and 1970's.

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BRASS

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In Germany, I found a place that sold tokens, new ones for use. They carried a stock type, with two different wordings: GUT FÜR 1 BIER (Good for 1 Beer), or FLASCHEN PFAND (bottle deposit check). The reverse was either blank, or showed a glass of beer. They came in aluminum, bronze-anodyzed aluminum, brass, and a reddish bronze, at prices that ranged from about $4 to $8 per hundred. Custom-made types, with the name of the establishment engraved on the obverse, were also available, but the fellow couldn't find the sheet listing the prices. He did say that he does not have frequent call for these any longer, but that several taverns in the area were using them (near the city of Koblentz on the Rhein).

You never know who you'll meet when on the road. A friend of mine in The Hague, an engineer with Aramco and active collector of Indian coins, suggested we drive over to Hasselt, in Belgium, and check out a local coin fair. About 20 dealers were set up, and none of them had much of interest, mostly modern Belgian coins at inflated prices. But one fellow, through whose French I detected an American accent, had two boxes of modern commemorative medals, mostly from Oregon and Washington. He turned out to be Ray Bows, a former collector of US military tokens (he sold his collection to Lew Egnew a while back) and now proprietor of a small coin shop in Tacoma WA. About once a year, he hauls all his accumulated stock to Europe and tours around for a month, setting up at local club meetings and coin fairs in Belgium and Germany. After the show broke up, he invited Ken and me to join him in a meal at a local FRITUUR (literally, fry restaurant, or grill), for a rather tasty and not expensive meal.

Ray had brought over two boxes of modern commemorative medals, and a couple of boxes of Franklin Mint bronze and silver medals, which, much to my shock and revulsion, sell rather briskly in Europe nowadays, not for high prices, but enough to make it worthwhile for Ray to haul them along.

Token collecting is gaining adherents in Holland. I spent an afternoon at the shop of Robert van Slageren, in Arnhem, a small city in the eastern part of the country, near the German border. He now has several customers eager for tokens, particularly items like military canteen pieces. He had two plastic canteen tokens from ca. 1950 at Fl.40 each (the Dutch guilder, abbreviated "Fl.", is now worth about 42¢), and a prison token at Fl.100. Beer tokens are still cheap, and I bought a lovely piece from the station cafe in Zutphen. On the way back to Amsterdam, I stopped off at Zutphen (about 20 minutes by train from Arnhem), and enjoyed a beer at the station cafe, where I showed off my acquisition.

BRASS

One of the major purposes of my trip was to visit a large coin show in Zurich on the 15th and 16th of October. This is considered one of the prestige shows of Europe, and the most exalted of the so-called International shows, somewhat the European equivalent of the ANA, though much smaller. I am sure I saw more $1000 and up coins than I had ever seen assembled in one locale before. Most dealers carried with them just one carrying case full of coins, which is why the concentration on the pricy material. Only one fellow brought binder after binder of cheap coins (and a couple of binders of tokens and medals as well), John Scheiner, an American transplant from Fort Wayne to Ingolstadt in Germany. The show was largely a disappointment for me, and for two other California dealers there, Scott Cordry and Freeman Craig.

En route home, I stopped in New York, and there found a couple of interested bits of exonumia, of which the best was a lovely early pictorial from the Hiawatha Club, Manitou, Colorado.

NEW COLLECTORS' CLUB?: - Anyone interested in collecting bank tokens is urged to get in touch with John D. Mullen, P.O. Box 4, Newton, MA 02158. He has hopes of establishing the Bank Token Society to focus on bank tokens. John is a former member of our organization. - DHF

NEW AMUSEMENT TOKEN CATALOGUE: - Back in 1974 and 1975 TAMS issued listings of amusement tokens by Stephen Alpert, and subsequently issued another catalogue of amusement tokens of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area by Kenneth E. Smith. Alpert and Smith are now working together on a catalogue , organized Atwood-style (as the Album catalogue), that will be a mjor revision of the earlier catalogues. They anticipate listing over 5,000 tokens including music tokens, numbered amusement tokens, Nevada free slot play tokens, the Minneapolis-St. Paul series, and other similar types. Much background information and many attributions of mavericks will be included. Alpert asks for help from WESTS members in sending him rubbings of unlisted amusement tokens: Stephen Alpert, 11106 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064. - DHF

IDAHO MEDALS

by Kendall Ballard

Following is a list of commemorative medals, souvenir medals, and miscellaneous items of medallic nature issued over the years in the state of Idaho. They are listed in chronological order, except that the series issued since 1970 by the Lewis & Clark Coin Club of Lewiston ID and the Idaho Territorial Centennial pieces of 1963 are grouped together, and listed out of regular order. Undated pieces are placed when issued, as though they were dated. All are dollar-size (37-40 mm.), except where noted.

1894

1. Wesley B. George Election Nov. 6, 1894 Auditor Recorder Logan County Idaho (cloverleaf)
   Rev: Vote For Wes George Clerk for Dist. Court, Auditor & Recorder A. aluminum. 30 mm.

1909

2. Idaho Society - Sons of the American Revolution April 1889 - March 1909 (soldier, gun, plow)
   Rev: Awarded To (blank) (ornate border) A. silver

1932

3. Days of Old Fort Hall
   Rev: How Heintz - Pocatello (Indian) A. gilt pewter

1934

4. Fort Boise Centennial 1834-1934 women with horn of plenty
Boise
Rev: Old Fort Boise Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Old Fort Boise Boise, Idaho Sept 13-14-15
A. bronze

1946

5. Navy Day Pocatello N.O.P. Oct. 28,1946
Rev: USS Constitution; ship
A. aluminum

(ca.1945-7)

6. Idaho Safety Soldier (flag); Safety Award Jack Simplot School Safety Foundation (four-leaf clover), holed for key chain (several varieties known)
A. brass, 30 mm.
(awarded to Idaho elementary school children)

1935

7. Map of Idaho enclosing letters P E G, dated 1935
Rev: swirled pattern
A. large zinc

1956

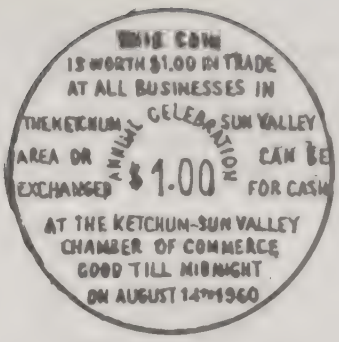
8. International Convention San Francisco June 17-21 1956
Rev: Kiwanis International Utah Idaho District; map
A. bronze,26 mm.

1957

9. Naval Ordinance Plant Pocatello Idaho Armed Forces Day
Rev: liberty bell 1776-1957
A. aluminum
B. brass
C. copper
(made by machinists at the plant)

1958

10. Silver Jubilee Commemorating 75 Years of Mining in the Coeur d'Alenes 1883-1958
Rev: World's Silver Mining Capital Wallace, Idaho (miner on donkey)
A. oxid.silver-plate
B. nickel-silver
(reverse of this piece later used for two trade tokens issued ca.1971 by Sweet's Lounge, Wallace ID)



1960

Souvenir Annual Wagon Days Ketchum, Idaho Aug. 12 13 14 1960
(wagon train)
Rev: $1.00 in trade A: bronze

1962

10A. Golden Anniversary Moscow Moose Lodge #871 1912-62
Rev: 25 C In Trade A. brass, 28 mm.

1964

11. BSA Region XI Courtesy Bunker Hill Co. Kellogg, Idaho
Rev: 6th National Jamboree Valley Forge 1964 ('9' is backwards) A. large zinc
12. Sullivan Mining Co. Lead & Zinc 99.99% Pure Kellogg, Idaho
Rev: Idaho State Young Business Men ... (rest illegible on known specimen) A. large zinc
13. Sullivan Mining Co. Zinc 99.99% Pure Kellogg, Idaho
(blank reverse) A. large zinc
14. Bunker Hill Sullivan M & C Co. Kellogg Idaho Lead & Zinc 99.99% Pure
Rev: blank, but paper sticker attached: USWV Dept Encampment July 9-10-11 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho A. large zinc

1967

15. The XII Boy Scout World Jamboree Aug 1-9, 1967 Farragut State Park Idaho (map)
Rev: (6 scouts of different countries) For Friendship 13,000 Boy Scouts 100 Nations A. white metal
B. silver-plate
C. gold-plate
16. XII World Jamboree 1967 Idaho USA (fleur-de-lys)
Rev: For Friendship Around The World (two hemispheres flanking scout symbol) A. oxid.white metal

1968

17. (Capitol Medals issue) State Capitol on obverse, state seal on reverse, dated 1968 A. silver
B. nickel-silver
C. aluminum
D. anodyzed alum.

19.

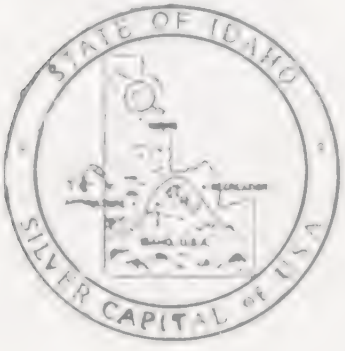
18. Ballou Latimer Drug & Camera Boise, Idaho 1869-1969
Rev: Respect For Past Confident In Future 100th Anniversary
A. white metal

19. Boy Scouts Of America National Jamboree 1969 (map)
Rev: Together We Build (handshake) Kaiser Aluminum
A. aluminum

20. National Jamboree Farragut State Park, Idaho July 16 to 20, 1969 Boy Scouts of America (map of Idaho)
Rev: 1969 National Jamboree, Idaho (fleur-de-lys & deer)
A. bronze
B. antique white-metal

21. National Jamboree Farragut, Idaho 1969
Rev: Mount Rainier Council Minted By Troop 70 (mountain)
A. bronze

22. (High-relief medal by Medallic Art Co.) Gutzon Borgum
Rev: Idaho state seal
A. bronze
B. silver



23. State of Idaho Silver Capital of the USA (map of Idaho)
Rev: To Commemorate the Idaho Medical Association People-To-People Good Will Mission To Europe 1969
A. nickel-silver

24. (undated, ca.1969) part of a statehood series, obv: George Shoupe (bust)
Rev: Idaho state seal
A. white metal

1970

25. 100 Years Progress Cassia County (covered wagon)
Rev: (blank)
A. silver
B. antiqued bronze
C. looped bronze
(var. C for key chain)

26. (undated, ca.1970) Idaho 43rd state
Rev: various state statistics, from Shell gas series
A. bronze, 25 mm.

1971

27. National School Rodeo Ass'n (horseshoe) 1971 Finals Filer, Idaho Aug 3-8, 1971 (description of both sides)
A. white metal

28. North Fork Clearwater River Dworshak Dam and Powerhouse Aug.-71
Rev: Dworshak Dam & Powerhouse Constructors 2nd Million Man-Hours Accident Free
A. bronze
B. oxid.white metal

(ca.1972)

29. (Franklin Mint statehoood series) The Sun Valley State (map of Idaho & potatoes)
Rev: Idaho Attained Statehood 3 July 1890
A. white metal
B. silver

30. (identical to no.29 except for size)
A. silver, 18 mm.

1973

31. National Jamboree Farragut Idaho 1973 Long Peak Council Cheyenne, Lyons Club Troop 106 Cheyenne Wyoming (scout badge)
Rev: Boy Scouts of America (Sky lab)
A. white metal
B. silver

32. National Jamboree Farragut, Idaho Moraine, Pa. 1973 Growing Together USA (map)
Rev: 1973 National Jamboree (tree, sunset, fleur-de-lys)
A. white metal
B. bronze

1976

33. Upper Snake River Historical Society (symbols)
Rev: Counties Of Idaho Salute The Bicentennial 1776-1976 (map)
A. bronze
B. silver

34. (Franklin Mint Bicentennial Set) Idaho - Water & Nuclear Development
Rev: (state seal)
A. proof silver

The following medals, nos.35-41, were all struck for the Lewis & Clark Coin Club of Lewiston ID. All have a common reverse showing Lewis & Clark and a map of Idaho. All were issued in (A) white metal, and (B) [illegible] silver. The series was begun in 1970 and extends so far through 1976:

35. (1970) Snake River Gateway To Famous Hell's Canyon Historical Hotel Lewis-Clark Idaho's Seaport City
36. (1971) Lewis & Clark Normal School Commemorating The Renewing Of The Last Normal School In The Nation Lewis Clark State College
37. (1972) The Last Log Drive On Clearwater River
38. (1973) Dworshak Dam
39. (1974) Cataldo Mission Idaho's Oldest Building
40. (1975) Port of Lewiston Idaho's Only Seaport Dedicated June 20, 1975
41. (1976) Hells Canyon - America's Deepest Gorge

The following medals, nos. 42-55, all commemorate the Idaho Territorial Centennial in 1963. The first, no.42, is a general issue, while the rest, nos. 43-55, are local issues. The local issues share a common reverse, depicting a wagon wheel, gulpan, pick, and buffalo skull, except nos. 46 and 49, which have "Sign in trade" reverses.

42. Idaho Territorial Centennial (mining scene)
    Rev: territorial seal
    A. large bronze
    B. smaller silver

    (die varieties reported)

(Note: nos. 43-55 are all gilt bronze, all 32-34 mm. in diameter)

43. New Meadows, Council, Adams County, Indian Valley (Indian theme design) (common reverse)
44. Bonners Ferry 1863 1963 Boundary County Idaho Old Ferry (common reverse)
45. Owyhee County Centennial 1863-1963 (skull & rope) (common reverse)

46. Idaho Centennial Coeur d'Alene Idaho (view of Old Mission) (50¢ in trade reverse)
47. Basque Holiday Caldwell, Idaho (two dancers) (common reverse)
48. Fishermans Breakfast May 31, 1963 Wagon Train July 12,13,14 St. Anthony To Island Park July 23-24 Pioneer Days (common reverse)
49. as last, but 50¢ in trade reverse
50. Wagon Days Souvenir Aug.23-24-25 1963 Ketchum, Idaho (wagon train) (common reverse)
51. as last, but noticeable die variety
52. National Fiddlers Festival Good For 50¢ In Trade Weiser, Idaho (fiddler) (common reverse)
53. as last, but words Good For 50¢ In Trade omitted (common reverse)
54. Idaho State Jaycees Creed (common reverse)
55. Parma, Idaho (view of Old Fort Boise) (common reverse)

Last-minute addition:

56. Bronco Stadium Boise State College (grandstand)
Rev: Stadium Dedication September 11th 1970 A. bronze

LATE ADDITION--REPORTED IN NUMISMATIC NEWS

TYPE: 100 Year Anniversary of the Nez Perce War Commemorative Medal.
METAL: Bronze at $15; silver at $50 each; both 1.5-inch diameter and 12 guage.
DESIGN: Obverse depicts an Indian in profile while the reverse has a quote from Chief Joseph.
AVAILABILITY: Commemorative Medal, P.O. Box 306, Lapwai, Idaho 83540.

RUBBINGS AND EDITORIAL WORK COURTESY OF STEPHEN ALBUM.

The author will welcome any comments, additions and/or corrections to this listing. His address is:

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HOTEL BUTLER, BIG PINE, CAL.

Adele Reed

Jim Butler, as everyone knows, was the man who discovered the mining camp of Tonopah, Nevada, in 1900. He became prominent in Nevada history. Not so well-known is the fact that he and his family moved to Big Pine in the Owens River Valley of eastern California in about 1905.

He became a rancher east of the town and the Owens River, and also owner of one of the older hotels in Big Pine. It was a sizable two-story building with an addition that could be reached by a walkway between the upper floors. Meals were served in a big dining room, and there was a saloon, as well as a bakery where fresh homemade bread was sold.

Butler used to drive a spring wagon and two mules from the ranch, and he would turn up at the hotel most anytime and cook his own meal in a frying pan, then eat from it. He always wore a gold ring with three big settings, a diamond, a ruby and a sapphire. This man never drove his high seated old-time car, but always had his driver take him back and forth to Tonopah and other areas.

L.A. RUB. STAMP CO.
BRASS - 25 mm.

ALUMINUM
15 mm.

The sketched tokens were found in later years. They become more interesting as we learn about the Jim Butler, who was said to have been friend to all, a rascal and a shrewd mining man!

FORT ROSS bicentennial medal: - One of the most unusual medals to be produced for the American Revolution Bicentennial is the large (45 mm/1.75 in.) heavy gold-plated bronze medal issued at Fort Ross, in Sonoma County. The obverse portrays the old Russian settlement at Fort Ross (Kreposty Ross), while the reverse depicts the bust of its founder, Ivan A. Kuskov. The inscriptions are bilingual in Russian and English, and as such, it is the only piece of its kind. It is also the only item of exonumia yet discovered from Fort Ross.

According to the promoters, Prof. N.I. Rokitiansky and Mr. A.F. Dolgopolov, "to appropriately commemorate the bicentennial of our country and to demonstrate the contributions of various nationalities, a bronze medal outlining Russian input to the U.S. heritage is being coined."

Only 400 pieces were produced, and were at first offered at $10, but quickly upped to $25. The last few were sold at $50, and none are available. I would suspect that this will become one of the toughest pieces of the Bicentennial medallic heritage, as many, if not most, were purchased by families of Russian descent who are not likely ever to relinquish them.

The maker is not known, but it is believed the medals were struck in Japan. The initials of Rokitiansky appear on the obverse, of Dolgopolov on the reverse, as the designers of the respective sides. The initials, I should add, are in the Cyrillic, not the Latin alphabet.

AGNEW, CAL.: - It is always exciting to discover a lovely old token, and an unpublished town is best of all. Earlier this week, I was able to acquire the Agnew piece rubbed below:

A 33 b/b M.J. GLENNON / AGNEW, / CAL.
Good For / 10 / In / Trade

Agnew is located just north of San Jose, on the way to Alviso, and is now best known for Agnews State Hospital. The town was never particularly important. In directories between 1900 and 1919, only 2 to 5 businesses are shown, and the 1900 population is given as 25. None of my directories (1900, 1912, 1914, 1918) list Glennon in Agnew, but in 1900 he is shown as saloonkeeper in nearby Santa Clara. And indeed, Charley Kappen lists a token from Santa Clara, The Model, M.J. Glennon, good for 5¢ drink (no.19); The manufacturer's signature, C.A. Klinkner & Co., suggests the piece was produced circa 1892-1900, in conformity with the 1900 directory listing. I have yet to determine when Glennon was at Agnew, but as the token is of aluminum and of what appears to be a later style, I would date it after 1900. The 1912 and later directories do not list Glennon under Santa Clara.

= MORE BACK ISSUES OF *LEDGER* AVAILABLE =

by Duane H. Feisel

In the August 1973 issue of the *Ledger* appeared a listing of available back issues. All of these except for a few are in good supply. I did get a nice response for purchases of these back issues, and this will give a boost to our treasury. For those who ordered, I may have substituted the October 1973 issue (a supply was found) for the February 1974 issue (supply was depleted, but a new supply has been located).

Steve Album found another box storing back issues, so we have another nice selection to offer in addition to the ones listed before. Pricing will be 75¢ per copy for the first four copies, 50¢ per copy for additional copies. If you order eight different issues, for example, the cost to you (postpaid) would be $5.00 (4 @75¢ + 4 @50¢). Please send your order, together with a check in the proper amount made out to WESTS, to: Duane H. Feisel, P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Here is a summary of the additional issues available:

Volume 3 No. 6 - December 1973 - 12 pp.
- Palace Billiards Mavericks - J. Schimmel
- Early History of Siskiyou County - Ed Saunders
- What Do These Numbers Mean? - Don Finch

Volume 4 No. 2 - April 1974 - 8 pp
- Elko Madams Used Tokens - Len Hoskins
- Additional Nevada Trade Token Place Names - H. Dunn
- Rancheros Vistadores - Stephen Album
- Membership Roster Supplement - 20 pp.

Volume 4 No. 3 - June 1974 - 10 pp.
- The Trinity Alps - Ed Saunders
- Sacramento, California, Sambos - Richard Hexberg

Volume 4 No. 4 - August 1974 - 10 pp.
- Becker of Sunny Brook - Duane H. Feisel
- (Maverick Token Rubbings) - Stephen Album

Volume 4 No. 5 - October 1974 - 8 pp.
- Point Arena Hot Springs - Stephen Album
- New Issues - Stephen Album
- Nevada Water Purveyors - Hal Dunn

Volume 4 No. 6 - December 1974 - 12 pp.
- Nevada Trade Token Place Names: A Second Supplement - Hal Dunn
- Shaffer & Hesse: Portland Merchants - Edward Saunders
- Something Different with Wooden Nickels - W. Chamblin
- (Maverick Token Rubbings) - Stephen Album

Volume 5 No. 1 - February 1975 - 10 pp
- California Die Makers Are Well Known - Ed Saunders
- A CCC Scrip Booklet from California - Ag Wahlberg

Volume 5 No. 2 - April 1975 - 16 pp.
Fun Trips for Tokens - Woody Chamblin
CCC No. 1914, Kaweah - Agnar Wahlberg
Several Mavericks of Inyo - Adele Reed
Bordagaray Tavern: A Trip Back into the 19th Century - reprinted from the Fresno Bee
Volume 5 No. 5 - October 1975 - 12 pp.
Checklist of California Medals: 1974 Issues - Album
American Revolution Bicentennial Medals - Feisel

Remember, all the 1976 and 1977 issues are also available.

= UNIDENTIFIED MEDAL =
by Duane H. Feisel

In the most recent Koppenhaver auction there appeared a most attractive medal. It was sufficiently interesting to me that I bid on the piece, even though I really am not a strong collector of medals. I ended up with the piece, a rubbing of which follows.

The medal is in sufficient relief that the rubbing does not do it justice. About three millimeters thick and made from sterling silver, the piece has stamped into one side "ALLEN," apparently the manufacturer of the item. One side carries the inscription NEW MONTE CRISTO and the date 1927 around a crossed pick and shovel. The other side has the words C.C. JULIAN below a standing bear.

The crossed pick and shovel suggest something to do with a mine, and perhaps the standing bear suggest something to do with California.

Can anyone help with information on this piece?

= EARLIEST EXONUMIA OF OREGON? =
by Duane H. Feisel

Recently I acquired two items which may be the earliest "tokens" from Oregon. Reproductions of these pieces are shown on the inside back cover.

The pieces are made of cardboard. The first, FORT DALLES / POST BAKERY / GOOD FOR/1 RATION BREAD., is made of red colored cardboard 54x30 mm, and signed on the reverse "A. H. Steele / P.T.". The second piece is similar, but made of pink cardboard 54x38 mm, and the last line is 2 RATIONS BREAD. On both pieces the printing is in black ink.

Other pieces exist, and there are variations in size as well as color. Also, I understand that pieces exist for as high as 50 RATIONS OF BREAD. Hopefully, more information can be provided in the future.

Fort Dalles was established on May 21, 1850, on the south bank of the Columbia River at the dalles. The post was initially named Camp Drum, but was changed to Fort Dalles in June, 1853. An important outpost and supply base during the Indian wars of the 1850's, Fort Dalles was finally abandoned in June, 1867.

Information accompanying the pieces establishes that the signature on the reverse is for the Post Treasurer, and not the Post Trader.

These interesting and historical pieces are a most welcome addition to my collection!

= REVIEW: *EDKINS' CATALOGUE OF COAL COMPANY STORE SCRIP*, compiled by Donald O. Edkins =
by Duane H. Feisel

EDKINS' CATALOGUE OF COAL COMPANY STORE SCRIP compiled by Donald O. Edkins. 1977. 505 pp. Illustrated. Hard Cover. Published by The Catalogue Committee of The National Scrip Collectors Association. $22.00 (includes $2.00 membership certificate). Order: Catalogue Committee/N.S.C.A., c/o John B. Fliss, Secretary, 321 Pershing Dr., New Kensington, PA 15068.

The long-awaited catalogue of coal company store scrip has finally made its debut, and will be welcomed with open arms by collectors. Some 10,000 different tokens are listed in this work involving over five years of compilation. Almost every collector has an accumulation or collection of these tokens, and now they can be attributed and valued.

The listings are in the popular Atwood style used also by Album for California tokens, Feisel for parking tokens, Ford for car wash tokens, Vacketta for Illinois tokens, etc. First of all, tokens are listed by state. Within each state, specific locations (provided a code number) are listed alphabetically and tokens are listed then by location. The listing system has been adapted to the fact that many of these tokens occur in sets. A set is given a letter, and that letter followed by the denomination of the token is the catalogue number when coupled with the location code number.

Cut-outs are shown in approximate actual size by hand drawings. Individual pieces are given a rarity rating which may then be related to a value through a table presented in the introduction.

The catalogue is bound in a durable green buckram. The printing is on a tan colored paper which makes reading easy on the eyes.

In using the catalogue to identify and catalogue some of the coal scrip I have, I found the listing arrangement to be very convenient and logical. The listings are not crowded together, and specific pieces are quite easy to locate. A maverick index helps with those pieces not having the location as part of the inscription.

Most of the listings are, naturally, for the eastern and southern states where most of the coal mining industry is concentrated. In fact, about 85% of the listings are from the states of TN, KY, PA, VA and WV. Of the western states, CO, OK, TX and UT each have several pages of listings. The remaining western states have few or no listings--there are no listings for CA, NV, OR, HA or AK (although I think I may have a California token!).

Perhaps coal companies got into a lot of other things besides coal, but I noted tokens listed for companies involved in lumber, clay products, steel, rolling and forging mills, refractories, realty and general stores.

I don't know what the abbreviation "c/s" means in the catalogue (most numismatists use that notation for "counter stamped"), but I finally figured out that when it occurs together with a coal company name, it denotes that that particular set of tokens was in some way related to that coal company. At least that is what I think is meant. This should have been commented upon.

The photographs are few in number compared to the total number of pieces listed. The quality of the photographs is quite uneven--some are clear and sharp, while others are impossible to read. Perhaps that is related to the

printing process or the paper, but in the copy of the catalogue I have, there is a wide variation in quality.

There are some typographical errors, unavoidable in a work of this magnitude and complexity. The typography is uneven through the book--some lines are uneven, there are awkward blank places in the middle of some pages, there are variations in the layout in different parts of the catalogue and the page numbers are not out to the margins where they would have been more convenient. In no way do these criticisms detract from the usefullness of the catalogue, however.

In some cases, tokens inscribed with a given location were used at a different location, and are catalogued under the location where used. Usually there is a note under the location contained in the inscription on the token, but in some cases this cross-reference note was not furnished (such as pieces listed for AL 595 and IA 1693).

I said there were no CA tokens listed. That is not quite correct as I find a Century Mining Co. (quicksilver mine in Guadalupe, Santa Clara County, CA) listed under Century, WV. Apparently not all the listings have been thoroughly researched. In the same vein, I find a number of pieces listed where the token inscription gives no hint that it is a coal company store, and there is no information provided in the catalogue to suggest an association with a specific coal company.

The terms "milled" and "knurled" are used in some places in the listings. I assume they mean the term in more general use by collectors as "reeded edge."

The "title" page is not very well done, and does not do credit to the catalogue. I note the book does not carry a copyright notice--perhaps no copyright was desired.

All in all this is a pretty well done and extremely useful catalogue which deserves to be in the library of every token collector. The National Scrip Collectors Association is an active, dedicated organization, and I expect to see its membership ranks swelled by the new interest in coal scrip generated by this fine catalogue.

Members of WESTS who want a copy of this catalogue can order from me and receive a 20% discount from the list price--net $17.60. At least 10 orders needed, however.

I am thinking of a "Coal Company Store Scrip Place Names" catalogue similar to the trade token place names booklets done for California and Nevada. Anyone interested?

WILL TRADE DAKOTA TERRITORY TOKEN for Nevada token of equal value.
W.V. Wright 220 South Bruce Las Vegas, NV 89101

WILL BUY OR TRADE NEVADA TOKENS. Have 100+ traders. Send me your list of traders, and I'll send you mine. Also have some CA and other Western to trade, including some good California.
Wm. J. Metscher Box 664 Tonopah, NV 89049

NEW BOOK: *THE BICENTENNIAL TOKENS OF THE PATRICK MINT.* Lists and illustrates all 1976 issues with mintages. Includes 219 CA pieces. $3.50 postpaid from:
The Patrick Mint P.O. Box 16271 San Francisco, CA 94116

MID-19TH CENTURY IRISH & BRITISH farthing tokens wanted. Many tokens available for trade.
Benj Fauver P.O. Box 521 Menlo Park, CA 94025

YUKON, N.W.T., B.C. trade tokens and numismatica wanted. Will buy or trade.
Leslie C. Hill P.O. Box 80129 So. Burnaby BC, CANADA

SEND ME A 1977 SF 49'ERS football schedule token by Pinch (or any other schedule token) and receive either a different schedule token or merchant token (my choice).
J.W. Baum 313 N. Arkansas Ave. Wichita, KS 67204

ADMIRAL DEWEY ITEMS WANTED: tokens, store cards, medals, badges, ribbons, etc., etc.
O.L. Wallis 58 Tan Oak Circle San Rafael, CA 94903

WANTED--OHIO TRADE CHECKS, coal scrip, etc. Will buy or have tokens to trade. Please write.
G. Lipscomb 5010 Winton Rd. Fairfield, OH 45014

SOAP TOKENS WANTED--have all types of tokens to trade. I need some common ones as well as scarce.
Robert Lubetkin 3660 Grand Des Moines, IA 50312

MANY NEVADA TOKENS to trade for other Nevada tokens which I do not have. Have compiled a recent listing of such. If interested, write for a listing of those traders.
C.T. Ross P.O. Box 782 Riverdale, CA 93656

NEBRASKA WANTED--all. Also Council Bluffs, IA. If I don't have what you need I'll find it!
Geo. Hosek 7411 Idledale Ln. Omaha, NE 68112

TRADE: Walt's Cherries-Loveland, Colo./One Crate-Al-24-Rd.-F/VF-R4. I wish to trade for CO mining towns of Fairplay or Leadville.
Walter Temple 10155 Excelsior Hanford, CA 93230

BUYING MERCHANT TOKEN COLLECTIONS, large or small. Ship insured.
Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. Louis, MO 63123

WANTED: NEVADA wooden nickels or tokens.
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Stockton, CA 95204

YOU NEED TO SELL me your collection or accumulation of tokens and medals. Highest cash prices paid. Send complete description, price and number available.
Bill Williges P.O. Box 445 Wheatland, CA 95692

I WILL PAY $5 EACH for old amusement tokens picturing slot machines such as Puck, Detroit, Manila. Gold Award, Gold Medal and Jackpot tokens also wanted.
Stephen Alpert 11106 National Bl. Los Angeles, CA 90064

ENCASED CENTS from Nevada wanted. Modern pieces OK. Please write and describe.
Floyd Holliday 14702 Mimosa Lane Tustin, CA 92680

PERSONAL TOKENS with WESTS logo--500 pieces brass $50.40, aluminum $35.20. Includes your "ad" of up to 10 words one side and delivery to you. Cash with order, please. Delivery takes four to six weeks usually.
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

CATC INFORMATION: - Stephen Alpert writes that he has just been elected president of the California Association of Token Collectors (CATC) which just celebrated its 20th anniversary. Membership is primarily from southern California. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of odd-numbered months at a location in the greater Los Angeles area. There are a number of prominent collectors and cataloguers who regularly attend meetings where much token swapping, buy, selling and coversation takes place.

The club publishes a bimonthly newsletter, TOKEN TOPICS. Perhaps some of our WESTS members will be interested in this organization; dues are $2.00 per year. More information and a free copy of the next issue of TOKEN TOPICS can be obtained from the secretary, Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th St., Los Angeles, CA 90044 - DHF

LONG BEACH EXPO: - Once again the Long Beach Coin & Stamp Exposition will feature a special exonumia section at the next show scheduled for February 2-5, 1978, at the Long Beach Convention Center. Paul Koppenhaver, P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys, CA 91408, telephone 213-787-4020, is coordinating the exonumia bourse tables. Contact him for additional information and a bourse application if you are interested. I understand Paul will once again conduct an exonumia auction during the Expo. - DHF

Calendar of Coming Events

DECEMBER 25: Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 31: Deadline for material for the December issue of the *LEDGER*

JANUARY 1: Happy New Year!

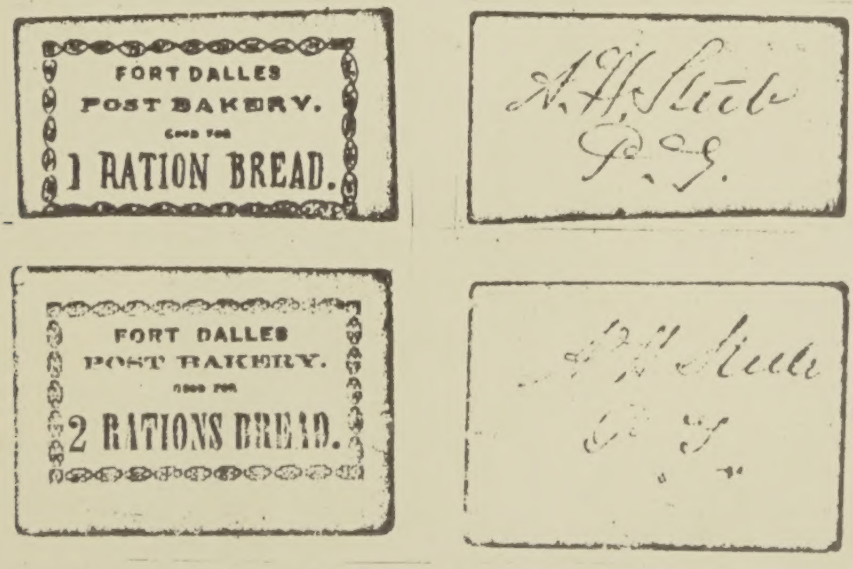
JANUARY 8: Membership meeting, Bay Area Token Society, location either in Oakland or Livermore. Please inquire for specific information if interested. Noon to 5 PM--all token collectors invited.

FEBRUARY 2-5: Long Beach Coin & Stamp Winter Expo, Long Beach (CA) Convention Center; special section for exonumia dealers. Exonumia auction by Paul Koppenhaver.

APRIL ???: Western States Token Society, semi-annual general membership meeting. Details will be announced later.

APRIL 21-23: California State Numismatic Association, 62nd semi-annual convention and coin show, Jack Tar Hotel, Geary & Van Ness, San Francisco. Exhibits, bourse. General Chairman: O.L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903.

What has happened to the local WESTS meetings which were once being held quite regularly? If you plan a local meeting, let us know so we can announce it.



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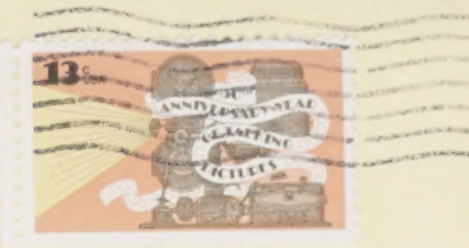

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